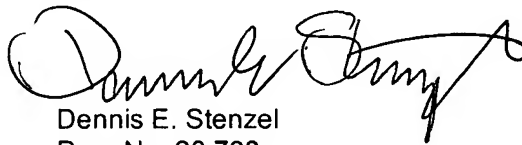


REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 60-61 are objected to as being dependent form a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, independent claim 49 has been amended so as to incorporate the limitations of claims 60 and 61 and claims 60 and 61 have been cancelled. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

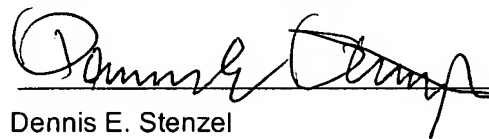


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